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Remarks and Arguments

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 6-7 and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0221171 (Rust) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0152063 (Tokieda), and further in view of in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,789,057 (Morimoto). The "et al." suffix is omitted in a reference name.

The applicants respectfully disagree and submit that the claims, as they now stand, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 4, 6-7 and 10 have been amended to require the following limitations or similar limitations:

-- when the parsed rights term cannot be interpreted by the multilingual RDD registry of the central system, the central system connects to another local system to extract interpreting information of the rights term from the another local system.--

Support is found at least at page 10, lines 13-32.

Rust is used by the examiner to teach a local RDD registry for storing specific language ([0066]), a processing mean for parsing rights terms ([0038] and FIG. 10) and interpreting the rights terms by referring to the local RDD ([0004]), wherein the processing means acquires rights term interpreting information ([0004]) based on the multilingual RDD registry ([114]-[115] and Tables V, VI). The applicants respectfully disagree with this characterization of Rust. Rather the applicants believe that Rust is better characterized to teach a rights data dictionary for use in digital rights

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management in which the data dictionary employs a "context model" that enables the building of term sets "according to well-defined set of rules that results in a hierarchical data structure" (See e.g., ¶[0018]). Using this "context model", a translation from one expression language into another can be achieved (See e.g., ¶[0027]). Rust does this by providing a mapping concept in connection with a rights data dictionary to translate between different rights expression languages (See e.g., ¶[0115]).

The examiner does acknowledge in the office action at page 5, lines 1-3 that "Rust fails to teach connecting to the central system when the right s term interpreting information does not exist in the local RDD registry."

Tokieda is used by the examiner to teach a multilingual processing database provided with a plurality of servers which can be distributively disposed. The Tokieda database can acquire an actual server name, server position, multilingual processing database name from the database management data in response to a request for a language ID, page ID and accesses a multilingual processing database desired out of database servers. Also the examiner uses Tokieda to teach a master web set containing language data for multilingual translation. The applicants respectfully disagree with this characterization of Tokieda. Rather the applicants believe that Tokieda at most teaches a method for performing multilingual translation through a communication network and a communication system. Tokieda does this by providing a method that receives language data, changes its processing form adaptively to the language of the subject of translation, selecting automatically language data for translation, performing the translation, entering the translated data into a multilingual processing database, automatically changing the processing form of translation

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adaptively to a language after translation, and enabling a requester to receive the translated data.

The examiner does acknowledge in the office action at page 6, line 18 to page 7, line 2 that

Rust and Tokieda fail to teach a local RDD registry storing a specific language RDD, a network of local system wherein the rights terms cannot be interpreted by the local RDD registry of a particular local system, the particular local system acquires the rights term interpreting information based on the multilingual RDD registry by connecting to the central system to interpret the rights term.

Morimoto at most teaches a machine translation method for translating a document using a translation knowledge base stored in an information processing apparatus connected to a network. Morimoto does this by translating a sentence using the translation knowledge base of a syntactic unit. When an unknown word cannot be translated then estimating a part of speech for the unknown word by applying a hypothesis-setting rule to complete the translation of the sentence and finally using an answer to replace the translation of the unknown word.

The applicants can find nothing within Rust, Tokieda and Morimoto, in whole or in combination, that teaches or suggests, inter alia, the newly added limitations (or similar limitations) that require:

when the parsed rights term cannot be interpreted by the multilingual RDD registry of the central system, the central system connects to another local system to extract interpreting information of the rights term from the another local system.

Therefore, the applicants submit that the combination of Rust, Tokieda and Morimoto cannot support an obviousness rejection to the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

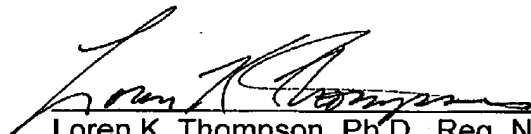
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For the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-11, now pending in this application, are in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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